

READING GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 2: 8–10

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. Paul makes several crucial claims in just a couple verses. What does he repeat from verse 5 for emphasis?
2. What does he refer to that is not of our own doing?
3. How does he describe our salvation in verses 8 and 9? In this regard, how is Christianity different from other religions?
4. What does Paul call the saints in verse 10? When you think of the definition for this word, what does it imply about God?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. As the church, we often say and know as truth that it is by grace that we have been saved through faith. Yet, how would you break this down to explain it to an unbeliever?
2. What are the characteristics of a “gift?” How does this further propel you to give thanks to God?
3. So often, we can find ourselves boasting in our good works. It's a slippery slope of self-righteousness and pride. What have you found yourself wrongly boasting in recently other than the cross of Christ?
4. In His sovereignty, God has prepared good works for us to be faithful in. These are an overflow from, rather than a precursor to, our salvation. What is a “good work” that your Life Group can partner together in?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- » Pray for opportunities to proclaim the lifegiving message that our merciful God has saved us by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- » Ask that we would cherish the gift of the gospel and abide in Christ, resisting the urge to seek to “earn” our salvation through works.
- » Appeal to the Lord for forgiveness when, puffing ourselves up, we boast in our good works rather than the hope of the gospel.
- » Petition God for opportunities to live and serve as a community who has been made “alive together with Christ.”